

Grand Masters Dragon Boat Club

Board Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2023

Attendance:

President	Cheryl Moran	Vice President	Mary DeFranco
Treasurer	Steve Augustine	Secretary	Laura Reynolds
Captains:			
Blackhearts	Mary Lou Bremer	Silver Dragons	John Townley
Dirty Dozen	Elly Olesen	Sparta 70	Tom Upton
Eastport Sun Dragons	Shelby Imus	Sunset Island Dragons	Karen Ness
Leathernecks/Warriors	Lee Cerovac	This Boat Rocks	Linda Braun
Paddling Patriots	Julie Coleman	Village Dragons	Beth Bowen
Guest	Robin Lockerby		
	Susan Kusan		

Opening: Cheryl called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Secretary's Report:

1. July board meeting minutes were posted prior to meeting
 - a. Motion to approve minutes by John with 2nd by Tom passed unanimously.
 - b. Thank you notes sent for Camp Villages have been acknowledged by recipients

Treasurer's Report: Membership number and report

- Budget and Treasury balance discussion
 - Current financial report was reviewed
 - Motion to approve report by Beth with 2nd by Linda passed unanimously.
 - Membership stands at 393
 - Semi-annual Budget meeting will be held in December 2023
 - Taxes will be reviewed with CPA on 10/8; should be filed by the end of October
 - Board will need to plan for how our composite teams will handle their treasuries in the future

President's Report:

- Hurricane Report
 - Thanks to all who supported the requests to move boats, etc
 - Boat task force has an agenda item to develop a response procedure
 - The Villages follows specific processes to release Lake Sumter for use after weather and other events; Cheryl will notify captains that lake use can resume once she gets the OK from The Villages
 - GMDBC will use consistent procedures for both lake Miona and Sumter for clearances for practices. Team captains should also assess risks at Miona as there is no official clearance as there is for Lake Sumter.

Vice President:

- AED report
 - No response from AED provider as to order status, Mary will continue to follow up
- Safety
 - Heat issues; we do not currently have a policy in place to address excessive heat
 - Mary created an advisory document which will be shared with the general membership to provide awareness
 - Teams can determine limits for heat indexes as they do for cold temperatures
 - October is traditionally our annual safety meeting
 - Speaker is planned to review training and safety topics
 - Captains please encourage all team members to attend the October General meeting.

Boat Maintenance:

- Box replacement – Miona
 - Boxes are to be delivered on 9/12 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
 - John is coordinating help to manage delivery and cleanup of old boxes
 - New locks have been procured for Lake Miona boxes and boats
 - The key for these locks will no longer be the same key as for Lake Sumter
 - Chuck, Cheryl and captains that practice at Miona will be provided with the new key
- Boat Task Force Report
 - Meeting is scheduled for 9/28
 - Boat purchases, maintenance calendar and storm procedures are on the agenda
 - Per Olesen has joined this committee in order to tie in Long Term Planning and Boat Task Force committee actions
 - Boat Task Force will develop a procedure for protecting dragon boat assets from storms
 - Procedure should include who, what and when regarding boats and equipment
- Warriors boat exchange request – 10/31 through 11/2
 - A request was submitted to temporarily replace the 10 person boat at Lake Miona with a 20 person boat to accommodate several days of training.
 - Motion to approve change by John with 2nd by Tom passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Drummer and Steer List
 - some individuals have reached out to Beth
 - Captains are to provide a list of Steer persons and Drummers who are willing to assist to Beth
 - List should include who would assist with practices vs races
- Steer person and coaching training to be provided in November
 - Lee will document details and share with general membership
- Race Coordinator
 - Lee volunteered for this role

- Storage Lot Contract received
 - Copy provided to the Treasurer by Cheryl
 - Contract needs to be executed every October

New Business:

- Sparta/Warriors requested club support of fundraiser for kids at Langley Medical Center
 - Jeremiah's Italian Ice will donate 20% of proceeds if you mention Langley or Leatherneck Warriors when making purchases on Wednesday, September 13 from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 - Sparta and Warriors provide ongoing support to the medical center; this fundraiser is to purchase socks to go with previously donated shoes
 - Board approved by vote to proceed
- Girl Scout pajama drive club support
 - Board has approved support of this activity in prior years
 - Board approved by vote to proceed again this year
 - Cheryl will invite RaeAnn Bethel to present information
- Brochure Update
 - Need to update brochure to add new teams; Linda will take lead on this
 - Linda will review contact info and coordinate updates with all teams
 - Motion to approve updating brochure by Lee with 2nd by Julie passed unanimously
 - Motion to approve \$1000 budget for 500 brochures by John with 2nd by Mary passed unanimously.
- Composite teams
 - Currently have 2 composite teams; Race team and Breast Cancer Paddlers
 - Bob Kane is putting a plan together for a new Para-Athlete Paddler composite team
- Paddling Patriot coaching change
 - Terry and Julie plan to retire from dragon boating at the end of 2023. Many thanks were expressed for all they have contributed to GMDBC
 - Dave Bethel will take over as coach for the Paddling Patriots

Tabled Items:

- Senior C Invitational – postponed until opening of Eastport
- Villages regatta – Postponed until 2024
- Long term Planning for Club
- Next General Meeting – October 10, 2023 – Eating properly for practice, training, and race day

Close

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 PM

Next Board Meeting will be 1:00 PM, October 9 at Canal Street Rec Center

Next General Meeting will be 6:30 PM, October 10 at Sea Breeze Rec Center